

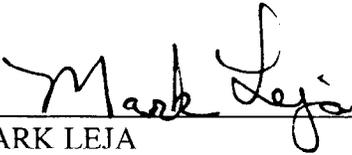
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PROGRAM AMENDMENTS  
Traffic Congestion Relief Applications  
Action Item

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CTC Meeting: October 3-4, 2001

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**TRAFFIC CONGESTION RELIEF (TCR) PROGRAM**  
**APPLICATION AMENDMENT APPROVALS**

**RESOLUTION TAA-01-09**  
**Amending Resolution TAA-01-06**

At the October 3-4, 2001 California Transportation Commission (Commission) meeting, the Commission will be asked to reconsider the Traffic Congestion Relief Program application amendment for the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's (MTC) San Francisco Bay Crossing Study originally considered by the Commission on July 11, 2001. At that time, the Commission denied the request to extend the completion date of the Bay Crossing Study element (of the overall project) to December 31, 2002, but did approve an amendment to extend the completion date to December 31, 2001 and requested MTC to return in December 2001, for a presentation on the status of the Bay Crossing Study. This request is to extend the completion date of the Bay Crossing Study to August 31, 2002.

In regards to MTC's current request, neither Department nor Commission staff has received sufficient information to make a recommendation at this time. A letter submitted on September 17, 2001, requesting a reconsideration of the July 2001 action, is attached. MTC will provide additional information at the meeting.

- **Project #11** - San Francisco Bay Southern Crossing; complete feasibility and financial studies for new San Francisco Bay crossing (new bridge, HOV/Transit bridge or second BART tube) in Alameda and San Francisco or San Mateo Counties. Amend application to update project schedule for the Bay Crossing Study element of the overall project. No other changes to original TCR application approval of \$3,200,000 under Resolution TA-00-01, as amended by TAA-01-06. The Metropolitan Transportation Commission is requesting this amendment.



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Mr. Allan Lawrence, Chair  
California Transportation Commission  
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Dear Chairman Lawrence:

On July 11, 2001, the California Transportation Commission heard a request from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) to extend the date of the Bay Crossing Study funded with Traffic Congestion Relief funds, to December 2002. Based on CTC concerns regarding the need for lengthy analysis, an extension was only granted until December 2001, and MTC was requested to report back to the Commission with a more detailed presentation of the study's progress to date and required schedule for completion

Below is a brief outline of the study's progress, which will be the basis of a presentation, scheduled for October 4, 2001 at your regularly scheduled meeting in Orange County:

Work completed to date:

- Formation and meetings of a policy advisory committee and technical committee
- Public scoping meetings
- Telephone poll
- Existing Conditions Report
- Conceptual Definition of Alternatives Report

Work remaining includes:

- Screening of preliminary alternatives and final alternatives definitions
- Travel forecasts
- Environmental impacts
- Conceptual cost estimates
- Evaluation of alternatives
- Preparation of a toll-based financial plan
- Findings and recommendations

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Mr. Lawrence  
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At your October 4, 2001 meeting, we will be requesting reconsideration of the December 2001 deadline to extend the Bay Crossing Study's completion date to August 31, 2002, four months less than our original December 2002 estimate. Progress was recently slowed due to the retirement of MTC's project manager for medical reasons. MTC is in the process of retaining a new project manager, and our staff has actively worked with the consultant on the study to streamline the process and remaining tasks and products. We feel confident that the revised August deadline can be achieved.

Thank you for considering this request. MTC staff will be present at your October meeting to answer any questions you may have. Should you have any questions, please call me at (510) 464-7828.

Sincerely,



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